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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 17-79

To the FCC:

I am writing today to share my support for the advancement of fifth generation wireless service (5G) in America, which I see as vital to the success of my state, South Dakota.

It is because of this that I support the STREAMLINE Small Cell Deployment Act, a bill introduced by South Dakota's Senator John Thune (R-SD). As its name suggests, this bill would streamline the onerous regulatory process for deploying small cells – the backpack-sized devices that must be widely deployed if we are to win the race to 5G and get it running throughout the nation. This bill will help us achieve significant progress in the United States' quest to win the global race to 5G.

As you know, this legislation alone will not solve the problem. It is important that the FCC works hard to ensure commonsense rulemaking and foresight prevail as the country moves toward the next-generation of mobile networks.

For South Dakota, these forward-thinking policies are of particular importance. The rollout of next-generation technology tends to initially flow to urban, populous areas. If the costs of establishing 5G infrastructure are unreasonably high in these places, there will inevitably be more delays and fewer resources for the rest of the country – including South Dakota.

The progress underway in both the FCC and the Congress will help remedy this problem. National rules that streamline regulations will greatly reduce the time and financial resources it takes to approve and deploy essential digital infrastructure. The result will be greater amounts of investment for South Dakotan communities – and sooner.

Leaders within your organization should continue putting forward the right proposals. With their success, South Dakota will take a sizeable leap toward the 5G era.

Respectfully,

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Minnehaha County GOP chairman  
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